is no proposal for revamping the E. P. Zones. The functioning of the Zones is however, reviewed from time to time to improve the efficiency in the light of experience gained.

(b) UNCTAD has brought out a study on Export Processing Zones in developing countries. This study generally sets out the scheme of Export Processing Zones, the experience of various countries and suggestions for upgrading the operation of the zones. No specific suggestion has been made in this study in regard to the revamping of Export Processing Zones in India.

1637. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1987].

Amendment of official secrets Act

1638. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to plug the loopholes in the Official Secrets Act and make it more stringent by suitably amending the Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Certain proposals are under consideration of Government and it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage due to the sensitive nature of the subject.

Supply of arms and ammunitions ot dealers in Delhi

1639. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out some changes in regard to the guidelines and procedure for supply of arms and ammunition to dealers in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to issue similar guidelines and procedure to the arms and ammunition dealers in their respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rooms in Ranjit Hotel Rented for Commercial Purposes

1640. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rooms given on rent in Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi for the functioning of vaious offices/shops/showrooms;

(b) whether these accommodations were given on rent after giving advertisements in the national dailies for the purpose;

(c) whether the rent is being charged room-wise or sq.ft-wise and what are the charges therefor;

(d) whether some of the office/shops/show-room owners are defaulters in respect of payment of rent; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such defaulters and how the money will be receovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) In all 56 rooms have licensed including 21 rooms to Govt. Departments and 8 rooms to public sector undertakings.

(b) and (c) The advertisements were issued by the Ranjit Hotel Management, one in 1984 and another in 1986. The licensing arrangements in respect of the 56 rooms are based on room tariff with discount by negotiations ranging between 21 per cent to 49 per cent.

(d) and (e) There are three defaulters. Premises have been got vacated in all the three cases. In two cases, action for recovery has been initiated and in one case, legal action has been taken.

Review of Textile Policy

1641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Policy announced on June 6, 1985 has severely hit the interests of farmers and consumers; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the policy to safeguard the interests of farmers and consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have been assessing from time to the impact of the Textile Policy announced in 1985.

1642. [*Transferred from the* 18 *March* 1987].

Concessions to Producers of Cloth

1643. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of (i) cotton cloth; (ii) non-cotton cloth and (iii) mixed variety of cloth, in the country; and

(b) what is the amount of concessions being given to producers of each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The per capita consumption of cloth during 1985 and 1986 is as under:—

Per Capita consumption of cloth in metres

(*Provisional*)

	1985	1986
Cotton cloth	10·788	10·413
Blended cloth	2·443	2·994
100% Non-cotton Cloth	2.222	2·376
	15·453	15·78

(b) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

In consonance of new Textile Policy announced in June, 1985, excise duty was reduced with effect from 28-2-85 on the following items :—

Sl. No.	Description	Prior to 28-8-85	From 28-8-85
1	Polyseter staple Fibre	45·00KG	25·00KG
2	Acrylic Staple Fibre	17·50KG	40·00KG
3	Polyester/Cotton Blended Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	5·00KG	2·00KG
4	Polyester/Viscose Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	10·00KG	4·00KG
5	Ramie and Polyester Staple Fibre Yarn in which proportion of polyester staple fibre is more than 40% by weight of the total fibre content not containing any other textile material	8·00KG	4·ppKG
6	Cotton fabrics containing more than 40% of polyester staple fibre and also containing Ramie and manmade cellulosic fibre but not containing polyester filament yarn for value upto Rs. 25/ per sq. mtr.	13·20%	5·00%
7	For value above Rs. 25/- per Sq. Mtrs.	13·20%	5% plus Rs. 2 Sq. Mtrs.